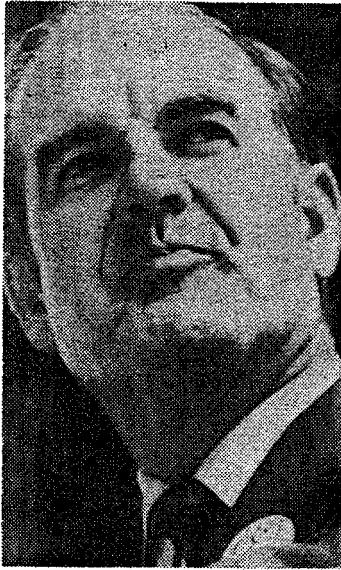Post 7-4-70

Sens. George McGovern, Mark O. Hatfield and William J. Fulbright, from left, are singled out on a recorded telephone message. The recording says the senators, who have been persistent critics of the Vietnam war, "need a bullet right through the eyes." The Justice Department says it is investigating the message.

U.S. Probes Nazi Telephone Message

The Justice Department is investigating a recorded telephone message that calls three of the Senate's war critics "traitors" and suggests they should be shot.

That-recording, played by the Arlington-based American Nazi Party, criticizes the Nixon administration for pulling out of Cambodia too soon and blames the action "on the reds in-the Senate who were doing all the squawking."

"(Senators) McGovern, Ful-bright, Hatfield—the whole rotten bunch—need a bullet right through the eyes," says the recording.

Sens. George McGovern (D-S.D.), William Fulbright (D-Ark.), and Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) have been persistent critics of the war in Southeast Asia.

A transcript of the message was made public Tuesday by Sen. Mike Gravel (D-Alaska). He called later for an immediate investigation saying "this type of activity must not be permitted to continue, and those who engage in it must not go unpunished."

A spokesman at the Justice Department said yesterday that its criminal investigation division is looking into the matter.

The speaker on the record-ing indentifies himself as Dr. William Pierce of the National Socialists White People's Party.

There is a federal law against communications that contain the threat of an in-jury. But at a press confer-ence yesterday, Pierce said he was not telling people to kill anyone. "We merely said that's the only effective way to deal with traitors," he said.

William M. Backus, an official of the Telephone Com-pany, said Pierce is not break-ing any telephone company rules.

"Unless he is using obscene language," said Backus, "or using the phone for gambling purposes, we have to provide him with service."